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## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

## STATUS

2. Applicant is a small entity. A statement was already filed.

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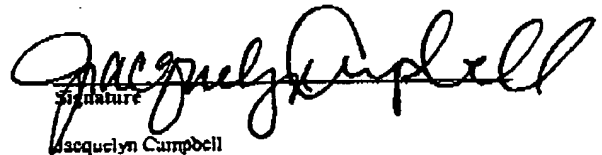
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office action of June 7, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification -/-**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings -/-**

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

**Appendix: -/-**